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CENTENNIAL HOCKEY DRAW ANNOUNCED

With the official confirmation that Michigan Tech will attend Canada's major holiday intercollegiate event the Third Annual Centennial Hockey Tournament game draws have been made. The Tournament will be held January 3, 4 and 5 at the Forum.

In game one Brian Gilmour will be seeing some familiar faces. Gilmour played for Boston University and their traditional hockey rival is Boston College. His McGill Redmen tangle with the highly touted Boston College Eagles one of the only American College Hockey powers without Canadians on the team.

Game two will feature Université de Montreal Carabins and Michigan Tech. The American school will be making its first appearance in a major Canadian tournament. They have been one of the most consistent winners in U.S. college hockey. Université de Montreal is currently tied for the lead in the OQAA hockey league's eastern division.

The third contest will headline two old rivals, Laval and the University of Toronto Blues. The Blues are back aiming for another Canadian title, their third in four years and their third consecutive tournament win. Fresh off with two wins over previously unbeaten Western the Blues, co-leaders in the OQAA west division will preview spring playoff action in the Laval contest. Laval is the current co-leader in the OQAA's eastern division.

The final opening round game is highlighted by one of Montreal's hottest school and hockey rivalries as host Loyola faces Sir George Williams University. Beset with early difficulties the Sir George Williams pucksters jelled just before the Christmas break and will be awaiting the highflying Loyola Warriors. This will mark the first occasion that the schools have met this season and all past scores have been put aside. Both teams have one goal in mind - winning the Centennial Cup.

The Cup, which was presented by Canadian Arena Company President, J. David Molson to inaugurate the tournament two years ago has been won by Toronto both times it has been up for grabs. Last year the Blues edged Loyola 4-3 before a huge Forum crowd in the final.

The opening games, Boston College versus McGill at 1:30 p.m. and Université de Montreal versus Michigan Tech will start at 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 3 while the other two fixtures involving Toronto vs Laval at 7:30 p.m. and Loyola vs Sir George Williams will have a face-off time of 9:30 p.m. the same day.

The second round games will feature the winner of game one versing the winner of game 4 and the winners of games 2 and 3. These games will be at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, January 4. The big Championship match is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 5. All games will be played at the Forum.

In lending his support Floyd Curry of the Canadian Arena Company stated, "I have scouted most of the U.S. tournaments and the Centennial Tournament is potentially the best by far. For the first time the fans will be able to evaluate for themselves how much the Americans have improved when they go against our Canadian boys."

Three nationally ranked Canadian and two top rated American teams have been entered and may be a preview of an eventual North American Intercollegiate championship.